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PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Reports from Manila—plague and smallpox.

MANILA, P. I., *February 13, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to hereby inform you that during the week ended February 10, 1900, there were 14 cases and 10 deaths from plague in Manila, P. I. Smallpox now exists in Manila and in other cities and towns of the islands.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

MANILA, P. I., *February 21, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that during the week ended February 17, 1900, there were 11 cases and 9 deaths from plague in Manila. The disease so far has been confined to the natives, about an equal number of Filipinos and Chinese having been affected. The greatest number of cases have occurred along the street in which the first cases developed, but several cases have occurred in remote districts and there are several centers of infection from which the disease may spread.

The statistics I have given are cases in which the diagnosis has been made definite either by characteristic pathological lesions or bacteriological examinations and the detection of the plague bacillus. The doubtful cases have not been included.

I have the honor to also inform you that smallpox is now present in Manila, and is quite widespread among the islands. The disease, however, is not so prevalent as during the same season of last year. This is no doubt due to the extensive vaccination practiced during that period.

During the two weeks ended February 17, 1900, there were 10 cases and no deaths from smallpox in Manila.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

MANILA, P. I., *February 28, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that during the week ended February 24, 1900, there were 8 cases of plague with 6 deaths reported in Manila. Four Chinese and 4 Filipinos having been affected.

During the same period there occurred 5 cases of smallpox, none resulting fatally.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PORTO RICO.

Report from Ponce.

PONCE, P. R., *March 26, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract bills of health reports for the week ended March 24, 1900; also the mortality statistics for the two weeks ended the same date.